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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 9174

FOL TEL FROM UDORN DATED 19 MAY SENT ACTION BANGKOK  
INFO VIENTIANE, CHIANG MAI BEING REPEATED FOR UR INFO

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 127

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, TH, VS, VN

SUBJECT: ANTI-VIETNAMESE PROTESTS IN NONGKHAI

REF: UDORN 123

1. BANDS OF THAI PROTESTORS DAMAGED A NUMBER OF  
VIETNAMESE SHOPS IN NONGKHAI CITY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON  
(MAY 18). MANY SHOP SIGNS WERE BROKEN, AND SOME SHOPS  
WERE BROKEN INTO. IN THE LATTER THERE REPORTEDLY WAS NO  
LOOTING, JUST DESTRUCTION OF MERCHANDISE. SOMEONE IN  
EACH BAND POINTED OUT WHICH SHOPS WERE VIETNAMESE-  
OWNED. POLICE WERE AROUND BUT TOOK NO ACTION.

2. THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES STARTED IN THE BO, WHERE 2000  
THAI HAD A RALLY IN THE MORNING. THEIR DEMAND WAS THAT  
THE VIETNAMESE EITHER GO BACK TO VIETNAM IMMEDIATELY OR  
BE PUT IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. SOME OF THE THA BO  
PROTESTORS LATER WENT TO NONGKHAI CITY.

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3. POLICE TODAY PREVENTED PROTESTORS FROM SRI CHIENG MAI

AND THA BO FROM COMING BACK TO NONGKHAI FOR MORE ACTION.  
HOWEVER, ALL VIETNAMESE SHOPS IN NONGKHAI CITY WERE  
CLOSED TODAY AND THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY HELD A BIG  
MEETING. WE DON'T YET KNOW THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETING.  
GROUPS OF THAI TEENAGERS ROAMED THE TOWN BUT DID NO  
DAMAGE. A RUMOR SPREADING THROUGH TOWN IS THAT THE  
VIETNAMESE SHOPS WILL NOT REOPEN.

4. A WELL-INFORMED TEACHER IN NONGKHAI FEELS THAT  
MOST OF THE OLDER VIETNAMESE WILL RETURN TO VIETNAM  
BUT THAT THE YOUNGER ONES WILL TRY TO STAY IN THAILAND.

5. DAMAGE TO VIETNAMESE PROPERTY IN PHNO PHISAI FROM  
VIOLENCE ON MAY 16 WAS MORE EXTENSIVE THAN REPORTED  
REFTEL. A FIGURE OF ONE MILLION BAHT IS BEING QUOTED.  
BIGELOW UNQUOTE.  
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